Mr. President : I should like to associate myself on behalf of the Chair with what has been said and request the House to pass the motion standing.

Motion passed nem con, *all members standing as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased*

Adjournment Motions

Mr. President : I have received notice of five adjournment motions. No. 1 is from Mr. Bhaskara Menon. It is disallowed on the ground that the matter cannot be discussed consistently with public interests. No. 2 is disallowed because it is not a matter of urgent public importance. No. 3 is also disallowed for the same reason. No. 4 which is tabled by Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar is disallowed for the same reason., No. 5 tabled by Mr. A. Eachara Menon is also disallowed because it is not a matter of urgent public importance.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Is there any objection to read those adjournment motions ?

Mr. President : I have already given my ruling on the matter.

Statement Placed on the Table

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts :* Sir, Under Rule 58 of the Legislative Council Rules, I beg to place the following statement of expenditure authorised by Government under Section 28 (1) (c) of the Government of Cochin Act, 1113.

Serial No.	*Head of Account*	*Amount Rs.*	*Remarks*
1	Cranganur Jails	8	Increased expenditure incurred in 1117 for the grant of dearness allowance to the Jail Staff and transferred from "Law and Justice"

SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS

1. Rs. 1,000 under "4—Co-operative Societies—Co-operative Department Contingencies—Miscellaneous"

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1,000 under "4—Co-operative Societies—Co-operative Department contingencies —Miscellaneous". As stated in my speech during the last Budget Session, it is proposed to constitute a Committee to make enquiries and submit a scheme for the improvement of the working of the Co-operative Societies in the State. The expenditure on this account is estimated at Rs. 1,000. As there is no provision for this in the current year's budget and as it is too premature to ascertain whether savings will be available for reappropriation from other grants the additional allotment has become necessary. I request that the house may be pleased to grant this amount.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur) :* Sir, I am not opposing the grant. The Standing Finance Committee suggested that the amount of Rs. 1,000 seems to be too much than necessary. My submission to this House is this is a committee which need not do much travelling. Practically the proceedings of every society will be incorporated in the form of reports and all these reports will be available with the Registrar. What this committee has got to do is to sit at a central place, go through all these reports and device ways and means of improving the working of the societies.

I find that among the various items which go to make up this Rs. 1,000 there is the provision for the pay of the Secretary Rs. 75. I think this is a matter in which such a highly paid Secretary is not necessary because the Registrar of Co-operative Societies happens to be a member and he can easily be the Secretary of the Committee and he can run the show thereby economising especially when the Government is finding itself pressed for funds. In these little ways many economies can be effected. I request the Hon'ble Member to see that the allotment is not pressed to the extent of Rs. 1,000. There is a normal tendency on the part of Government, to spend up to the last pie of the allotment If the provision is made smaller and if eventually it is found insufficient I think there is this House always willing and ready to vote anything that the Hon'ble Minister wants.

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Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)* : Sir, I doubt whether this grant is necessary. A few years ago we had an enquiry conducted by an expert, Mr. Devadhar. An elaborate enquiry regarding the working of the co-operative societies in the State was conducted by him. Unfortunately he died in harness so to say. Before sending in the final report he died. The results of his investigations and inquiries are here and I cannot find a better co-operator than Mr. Devadhar. I think this committee is not necessary. That is my opinion. We do not know who is going to conduct the enquiry, what their qualifications are. We will be interested to know all these things.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)* : As my friend Mr. Moothedan knows the Devadhar report could not be made use of by the Co-operative Department. What is intended by the constitution of this Committee is to have a practical scheme by men who know what is being done in Cochin and what is required for Cochin. The Committee will be asked to go into the question in detail and submit a practical scheme for the improvement of the societies. There are reports and reports regarding the working of the co-operative system. To consider such reports, no committee need be constituted. In spite or ever so many reports on the subject, the co-operative system here is found wanting. In one of two conferences held by co-operators in Cochin they passed resolutions requesting the Government to constitute a committee to go into this question in detail. After due consideration, Government thought that it would be advisable to constitute a committee consisting of members who know something about the working of the co-operative system in Cochin and get a practical report hence the proposal to constitute this committee.

Regarding the expenditure, I can only assure, the House that not a pie more will be spent than is absolutely necessary.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura)* : With regard to the point raised by Mr. Bhaskara Menon, where is the objection in the Registrar of the Co-operative Societies being the Secretary of the Committee?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)* : Personally I wanted to give a non-official Secretary to the Committee.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)* : You have got the committee in your mind.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)* : Do you mean to say that I have come here for an additional allotment without any idea whatsoever. There is the idea in the background. If the Council throws out this allotment, then the whole question will be shelved. If this amount is granted then that idea will mature.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)* : Let the House have some idea of the Chairman, the Secretary and the Members of the Committee.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)* : The chairman of the committee will be Mr. I. Rama Menon, the retired Superintendent of Agriculture. The members are 1. Mr. A. K. T. K. M. Vasudevan Nambudiripad, President of the Central Co-operative Bank. 2. Mr. N. S. Rama Ayyar, another veteran co-operator, 3. Mr. P. Madhava Menon, another co-operator) 4. Mr. K. R. Achyutan M. L.C., who had something to do with the working of the co-operative system in British Malabar, 5. The Registrar of Co-operative Societies. Mr. P. Madhava Menon will be the Secretary. He is a teacher in an aided school.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)* : Now you have got some details of the working of the committee. I may be permitted to speak something about this motion. We had no idea about the scheme and we did not know the personnel of the committee. First of all, for such a committee, all these members are not necessary. Some three members would have been sufficient. I do not want to question about the qualifications of the Hon'ble members who are to be members of this Committee. Three members would have been sufficient for expediency and for expert guidance. This is not a select committee of this House. In these days when travelling is very difficult, why do we want all these people to travel from place to place? Travel less is the motto now. Therefore it is better to appoint less number of members to the committee. Anyhow since the Hon'ble Minister has got the whole plan in his head, I have nothing more to say.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)* : I have no plan regarding the working of the committee. I have a plan regarding the constitution. Whether they should travel from place to place or whether they should sit in a place and peruse all the reports that we have—is left entirely to the discretion of the Committee and I am not going to interfere in the future

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working of the Committee. I have a plan for the constitution of the Committe and I also know that the members of the Committee should be co-operators of our State who know something about the working of the co-operative system in our State.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* What is the reference that you are going to make before the Committee? We want to know something about that.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* 1. To ascertain the present condition of the co-operative movement in the State in its various forms, and activities, especially with regard to cottage industries and agricultural, marketing and rural development in general. 2. To examine thoroughly its defects and suggest measures to remove them. 3. To make recommendations as to the ways and means of improving the conditions of individual societies and of the movement as a whole. 4. And, to make such other recommendations or any other aspect or aspects of the movement which they think to be of importance.

Demand put and carried

2. Rs. 12,000 under 24 Public Health A—2-Rural Sanitation—Supplies and Services—Charges for prevention of epidemics.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 12,000 under 24—Public Health, A-2, Rural Sanitation, Supplies and Services, charges for prevention of epidemics. A sum of Rs. 1,200 has been provided under the head, Prevention of Epidemics, in the current year's budget. There is only a balance of Rs. 800 in the sanctioned allotment now. It is estimated that a sum of Rs. 12,000 more will be required under the head to meet unforeseen items of expenditure necessitated on account of plague preventive measures at Mattancheri and Trichur. Since there is no provision for this, an additional allotment is necessary. Hence I request that this additional allotment may kindly be granted.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Was there plague in Mattancheri?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes, there were two cases.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* On a point of information, why do you say Rural Sanitation?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* It is the heading in the budget.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* You say Rural Sanitation and you say money is to be spent for Trichur and Mattancheri. I want to know why that head comes under rural sanitation.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Government will have to meet the whole expenditure; municipalities are not spending.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* The point is this—we do not consider Trichur and Mattancheri as rural areas.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Health Officers of the Municipalities are under the Minister. So, naturally, the Minister for Rural Development has to look to these things.

Mr. President: The Finance Member may open a separate head in the Budget.

Demand put and carried

3. Rs. 1,200 under "12—Registration—O—Miscellaneous"

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1,200 under "12—Registration—O. Miscellaneous." This amount is required to appoint a few clerks to write up the Sirkar Land Registers in the Registration Department. I request that this amount may kindly be sanctioned.

Demand put and carried

4. Rs. 1,000 under "14—1—Huzur Secretariat—Telegram Charges"

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretaryt o Government):* I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1,000 under, "14—1, Huzur Secretariat—Telegraphic Charges". I request that this amount may kindly be sanctioned.

Demand put and carried

5. Rs. 4,668 under "26—2—Printing Miscellaneous"

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* I rise to move for a sum of Rs. 4,668 under "26—2, Printing Miscellaneous." This is the amount required to pay Insurance Charges on the Government Press. We are insuring the Government Press under the War

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